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25X11. [redacted] all official party, governmental, and "cultural" organizations are instructed not to attack England in their public speeches. In accordance with this policy there should no longer be any public references to "Anglo-American imperialists" or "Anglo-American warmongers." Criticism of Western powers should at present be directed against America.

25X12. [redacted] a special effort is being made at present to organize an "illegal KPD" in the West. Recruits for this organization are officially ex-KPD members in the West, left-wing SPD members, and ex-SED members from the Soviet Zone who "deserted" to Western Germany (among them some ex-members of the Volkspolizei). Objectives of the "illegal KPD" are (a) undermine West German government, governmental officials, Western non-Communist union shop groups, and refugees from the East; (b) assist SED functionaries sent out illegally to Western Germany on special missions; (c) procure West marks. Some members of the "illegal KPD" are said to be put through some special training in the Soviet Zone close to Berlin. One of the most active "illegal KPD" groups is to be located in Frankfurt a/M and headed by ex-Wehrmacht Captain Balser. Berlin direction of the "illegal KPD" rests with the SED Hqs. and with Wilhelm Koenen of the Nationale Front.

3. According to DDR Finance Minister Loch, the background of Kastner's exclusion from the LDP may lead to Kastner's eventual trial for "irregularities." Loch considers that the dismissal of Kastner from the LDP strengthened Loch's position considerably, making him the LDP representative in the DDR government.
4. Gerhard Eisler's failure to get elected as a member of the SED Politbureau is said to be due to Dahlem's objection on grounds of Eisler's "unseemly bourgeois mannerism" and "lack of seriousness in matters socialistic"; Eisler's inept handling of the "Colorado potato-bug story" is supposedly the ground for the above accusation. Dahlem allegedly acted on behalf of Ulbricht and he, in turn, on behalf of Semeonov who is at present "highly displeased" with Eisler.

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